



# URBAN DISTRICT OF CHERTSEY

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# ANNUAL REPORT

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OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF  
HEALTH

TOGETHER WITH  
THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE  
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH  
INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1972



# ANNUAL REPORT

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June, 1973.

To the Chairman and Members of the Chertsey Urban District Council.

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1972 on the health of the Chertsey Urban District Council which has been prepared in accordance with instructions from the Department of Health and Social Security.

The estimated mid-year population showed a decrease of 220 and as births exceeded deaths by 243 there appears to have been an outward migration of 463 people.

The birth and death rates remain below those for England and Wales whilst infant mortality approximates the national rate.

Although influenza was fairly widespread at the beginning of the year only two deaths were attributable to this disease. Once again all Council employees operating the essential services were offered vaccination against influenza and there was a good response. On this occasion the vaccine was administered by means of a pressurised aerosol inhalation instead of by injection.

Very little infectious disease was encountered during 1972. Only 38 notifications were received compared to 360 in 1971. Most of the latter was, however, attributable to measles, which shows a prevalence every other year. There were only two cases of food poisoning, both arising from a large outbreak affecting 129 out of 173 guests who attended a banquet at a London hotel. During the investigation and follow up of those at risk close co-operation was maintained with the Health Department of the London Borough in whose district the hotel was situated. As might be expected, the methods of preserving and storing food at the establishment left something to be desired.

The health of immigrants must be a major concern of any health authority but follow up can be extremely difficult if false addresses are given to the Port Medical Officers at the point of entry. New forms now make it imperative to inform Port Medical Officers whether the immigrant has been located at the address he or she has submitted on entry. Constant vigilance must be maintained for the importation of smallpox, typhoid, malaria, cholera, tuberculosis and other tropical diseases.

An outbreak of smallpox in Yugoslavia involving 174 cases with 34 deaths increased the administrative work in connection with vaccination certificates. Now that routine vaccination is no longer being encouraged these episodes will tend to cause some panic for years to come.

With the discontinuation of smallpox vaccination as a routine procedure a reduction in the number of primary vaccinations was to be expected. However, a fall in primary immunisations against diphtheria (14 per cent), whooping cough (13 per cent), tetanus (27 per cent), poliomyelitis (16 per cent) and measles (80 per cent) must be viewed with some apprehension.

Detailed proposals for the management of the Reorganised National Health Service were announced during the year by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Services. At present hospital, community health and family practitioner services are all managed by separate groups of officers responsible to different Authorities. The report proposed a unified management structure to enable the different parts of the Health Service to work effectively. It is aimed to improve contact between individual general practitioners and local hospitals and to build on the groundwork already laid in establishing and planning community health teams. The country will be divided into regions and each region into areas. The area health authority will correspond to the new County of Surrey and will be divided into districts which will be the basic operational units. It is anticipated a health district will serve a population of 200,000 to 300,000 corresponding to the catchment area of the district general hospital and will be responsible for planning most health care needs. No decision on the districts has yet been taken but it is assumed the catchment area of St. Peter's Hospital will be one of the health districts.

Each district will have a management team consisting of two elected medical representatives of which one will be a consultant and the other a general practitioner, a community physician, nursing officer, financial officer and an administrator. This team of six will be required to identify gaps in the service in relation to needs and to develop ways of improving its services so as to use existing resources better. Public access to area health authorities will be via community health councils which will be made up of representatives from district councils and local voluntary organisations though how these are to operate is not yet clearly understood.

A clinic for the elderly was opened at the Health Centre, Step-gates, Chertsey, in January, 1972, and is providing a useful service in the field of health assessment.

At this point in the introduction of the Report it is customary to thank various people for their help throughout the year. The fact that this is repeated year after year does not detract from its sincerity.

One must first of all acknowledge the consistent work by members of the Health Department throughout the year and the help received from the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee. In addition, a close liaison has been maintained with other Council Departments and the County Council. The good links between the general practitioner service, the hospital service and the preventive service which were forged some years ago have stood the test of time and there is reason to believe that in recent years these have even been strengthened. The public health laboratory at Guildford under its new Director, Dr. Joan Davies, has also rendered invaluable service.

E. M. HAMILTON,  
*Medical Officer of Health.*

# GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

## Public Health Officers of the Authority

### Medical Officer of Health:

E. M. HAMILTON, M.B.E., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H., M.F.C.M.

(also acts as Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District of Walton and Weybridge and Deputy Divisional Medical Officer of the North-Western Division, Surrey County Council).

### Chief Public Health Inspector:

B. G. ROGERS, M.A.P.H.I.

### Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector:

T. N. DARRAUGH, M.A.P.H.I.

### District Public Health Inspectors:

R. J. BROWN, M.A.P.H.I. (from 17.4.72)

R. M. DAILLEY, M.A.P.H.I.

### Pupil Public Health Inspector:

Miss D. I. HALL (from 10.7.72)

### Pests Officer:

G. A. SHERRIFFS.

### Clerical Staff:

Office of the Medical Officer of Health.

Miss J. M. EGLON.

Miss Eglon is also responsible for the secretarial duties appertaining to the work of the Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District of Walton and Weybridge.

### Office of the Chief Public Health Inspector:

Mrs. J. DIVALL (Senior Clerk)

Mrs. D. MARIS

## STATISTICS OF THE AREA

|                                                                                             |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Area in Acres ... ..                                                                        | 9,983      |
| Estimated resident population mid-year 1972 (estimate supplied by Registrar-General) ... .. | 45,610     |
| Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books ...                                      | 13,848     |
| Rateable Value ... ..                                                                       | £2,164,735 |
| A sum represented by a Penny Rate ... ..                                                    | £20,400    |

### Vital Statistics

|                                                                                                                        |              |                |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Live Births:                                                                                                           | <i>Male.</i> | <i>Female.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
| Legitimate ... ..                                                                                                      | 319          | 279            | 598           |
| Illegitimate ... ..                                                                                                    | 21           | 20             | 41            |
|                                                                                                                        | <hr/>        | <hr/>          | <hr/>         |
|                                                                                                                        | 340          | 299            | 639           |
|                                                                                                                        | <hr/>        | <hr/>          | <hr/>         |
| Rate per 1,000 population ... ..                                                                                       |              |                | 14.0          |
| Rate per 1,000 population (after correction by Registrar-General's Comparability Factor) ... ..                        |              |                | 13.3          |
| Illegitimate Live Births (per cent. of total live births) ... ..                                                       |              |                | 6.4           |
| Stillbirths:                                                                                                           |              |                |               |
| Number ... ..                                                                                                          |              |                | 8             |
| Rate per 1,000 total live and still births ... ..                                                                      |              |                | 12.4          |
|                                                                                                                        | <i>Male.</i> | <i>Female.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
| Total Live and Still Births ... ..                                                                                     | 344          | 303            | 647           |
| Infant Deaths (deaths under one year) ... ..                                                                           |              |                | 11            |
| Infant Mortality Rates:                                                                                                |              |                |               |
| Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births ... ..                                                                 |              |                | 17.2          |
| Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births ... ..                                                       |              |                | 16.7          |
| Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births ... ..                                                   |              |                | 24.4          |
| Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 live births) ... ..                                        |              |                | 12.5          |
| Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births) ... ..                              |              |                | 11.0          |
| Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) ... .. |              |                | 23.2          |
| Maternal Mortality (including abortion):                                                                               |              |                |               |
| Number of deaths ... ..                                                                                                |              |                | Nil           |
| Rate per 1,000 total live and still births ... ..                                                                      |              |                | Nil           |
| Number of Deaths ... ..                                                                                                |              |                | 396           |
| Death-Rate (actual) per 1,000 of the population ... ..                                                                 |              |                | 8.7           |
| Death-Rate (after correction by the Registrar-General's Comparability Factor) ... ..                                   |              |                | 10.2          |

|                                                                             |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Natural increase of population during year by excess births over deaths     | 243  |
| Death-Rate from Influenza per 1,000 of the population ... ..                | 0.04 |
| Death-Rate from Pneumonia per 1,000 of the population ... ..                | 0.9  |
| Death-Rate from Measles per 1,000 of the population ... ..                  | Nil  |
| Death-Rate from Whooping Cough per 1,000 of the population ...              | Nil  |
| Death-Rate from all forms of Tuberculosis per 1,000 of the population       | 0.02 |
| Death-Rate from Cancer per 1,000 of the population ... ..                   | 2.0  |
| Death-Rate from Lung Cancer per 1,000 of the population ... ..              | 0.5  |
| Death-Rate from Heart Disease per 1,000 of the population ... ..            | 3.0  |
| Death-Rate from Bronchitis and Emphysema per 1,000 of the population ... .. | 0.3  |
| Death-Rate from Motor Vehicle Accidents per 1,000 of the population         | 0.04 |

## COMPARATIVE BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

The following table shows the birth and death rates per 1,000 of the population of the District and England and Wales for 1971 and 1972.

|                       | Annual Rates per 1,000 of Population |        |            |       | Infantile Mortality per 1,000 live births |      |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|------------|-------|-------------------------------------------|------|
|                       | Birth-Rate                           |        | Death-Rate |       |                                           |      |
|                       | 1972                                 | 1971   | 1972       | 1971  | 1972                                      | 1971 |
| Chertsey U.D. ...     | * 13.3                               | * 12.5 | * 10.2     | * 9.7 | 17.0                                      | 13.4 |
| England and Wales ... | 14.8                                 | 16.0   | 12.1       | 11.6  | 17.0                                      | 18.0 |

\* Corrected for age and sex distribution by Registrar-General's Comparability Factor.

|                                                       |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Ratio of corrected birth-rate to national rate ... .. | 0.90 |
| Ratio of corrected death-rate to national rate ... .. | 0.84 |

# CAUSES OF DEATH

| CAUSES OF DEATH                                     | Sex | Total<br>All<br>Ages | Under<br>4<br>weeks | 4<br>weeks<br>and<br>under<br>1 year | AGE IN YEARS |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|--|
|                                                     |     |                      |                     |                                      | 1—           | 5— | 15— | 25— | 35— | 45— | 55— | 65— | 75 and<br>over |  |
| Bacillary Dysentery, Amoebiasis                     | M   | 1                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | 1   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              |  |
|                                                     | F   | —                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              |  |
| Other Tuberculosis ...                              | M   | 1                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1              |  |
|                                                     | F   | —                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              |  |
| Other Infective and Parasitic<br>Diseases . . . . . | M   | 1                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —              |  |
|                                                     | F   | —                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              |  |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Oeso-<br>phagus . . . . .       | M   | 1                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1              |  |
|                                                     | F   | —                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              |  |
| Malignant Neoplasm—Stomach<br>... ..                | M   | 4                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              |  |
|                                                     | F   | 4                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | 2   | 1   | 2              |  |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine<br>... ..             | M   | 7                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | 2   | 2   | 1   | 1              |  |
|                                                     | F   | 7                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 3              |  |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Lung,<br>Bronchus . . . . .     | M   | 18                   | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | 2   | 1   | 5   | 8              |  |
|                                                     | F   | 4                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 2   | 2              |  |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ...                      | M   | —                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1              |  |
|                                                     | F   | 12                   | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | 2   | 4   | —   | —   | —              |  |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus<br>... ..                | F   | 1                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —   | —   | —              |  |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate<br>Leukaemia ... ..    | M   | 4                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 2              |  |
|                                                     | F   | 3                    | —                   | —                                    | 1            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1              |  |
| Other Malignant Neoplasms ...                       | M   | 13                   | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              |  |
|                                                     | F   | 13                   | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | 1   | —   | —   | 3   | 4   | 3   | 2              |  |
| Diabetes Mellitus ...                               | M   | 3                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 4              |  |
|                                                     | F   | —                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | 2   | —   | 1   | —              |  |
| Mental Disorders ...                                | M   | —                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              |  |
|                                                     | F   | 1                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              |  |

| CAUSES OF DEATH                             | Sex | Total<br>All<br>Ages | Under<br>4<br>weeks | 4<br>weeks<br>and<br>under<br>1 year | AGE IN YEARS |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |                |    |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|----|
|                                             |     |                      |                     |                                      | 1—           | 5— | 15— | 25— | 35— | 45— | 55— | 65— | 75 and<br>over |    |
| Multiple Sclerosis ...                      | M   | 1                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | 1   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              | —  |
|                                             | F   | —                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              | —  |
| Other Diseases of Nervous<br>System ...     | M   | 1                    | —                   | 1                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              | —  |
|                                             | F   | 1                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              | 1  |
| Chronic Rheumatic Heart<br>Disease ...      | M   | —                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              | —  |
|                                             | F   | 4                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —   | —   | 2              | 1  |
| Hypertensive Disease ...                    | M   | 2                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 2              | —  |
|                                             | F   | 5                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1              | 4  |
| Ischaemic Heart Disease ...                 | M   | 62                   | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | 1   | 9   | 16  | 22  | 14             | 14 |
|                                             | F   | 45                   | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | 2   | 5   | 14  | 24             | 24 |
| Other Forms of Heart Disease                | M   | 8                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1              | 7  |
|                                             | F   | 10                   | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | 1   | 1   | 3   | 5              | 5  |
| Cerebrovascular Disease ...                 | M   | 17                   | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | 3   | 1   | 8   | 8              | 5  |
|                                             | F   | 22                   | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 16             | 16 |
| Other Diseases of Circulatory<br>System ... | M   | 6                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 4              | 2  |
|                                             | F   | 13                   | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1   | 4   | 8              | 8  |
| Influenza ...                               | M   | 1                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —   | —              | —  |
|                                             | F   | 1                    | —                   | —                                    | 1            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              | —  |
| Pneumonia ...                               | M   | 20                   | —                   | —                                    | 1            | —  | —   | —   | 2   | —   | 2   | 7   | 8              | 8  |
|                                             | F   | 20                   | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | 1   | —   | 1   | 3   | 5   | 10             | 10 |
| Bronchitis and Emphysema ...                | M   | 6                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 4   | 2              | 2  |
|                                             | F   | 7                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | 2   | 2   | 3              | 3  |
| Asthma ...                                  | M   | 1                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | 1  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              | —  |
|                                             | F   | —                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              | —  |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory<br>System ... | M   | 1                    | —                   | 1                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              | —  |
|                                             | F   | 1                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —              | 1  |
| Peptic Ulcer ...                            | M   | 1                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —   | —   | —              | —  |
|                                             | F   | 3                    | —                   | —                                    | —            | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1              | 2  |

AGE IN YEARS

4

Total All Ages  
Under 4 weeks  
and under 1 year

Sex

CAUSES OF DEATH

|                                           |   | 1— | 5— | 15— | 25— | 35— | 45— | 55— | 65— | 75 and over |
|-------------------------------------------|---|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| Appendicitis ...                          | M | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —           |
|                                           | F | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —           |
| Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia ...     | M | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —           |
|                                           | F | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1           |
| Cirrhosis of Liver ...                    | M | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —   | —           |
|                                           | F | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —           |
| Other Diseases of Digestive System ...    | M | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —           |
|                                           | F | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1   | 2           |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis ...               | M | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —           |
|                                           | F | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —           |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate ...               | M | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1           |
| Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System ... | M | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1   | 2           |
|                                           | F | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —           |
| Congenital Anomalies ...                  | M | 1  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —           |
|                                           | F | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1           |
| Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. ...  | M | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —           |
|                                           | F | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —           |
| Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality ...   | M | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —           |
|                                           | F | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —           |
| Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions ...   | M | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —           |
|                                           | F | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1           |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents ...               | M | —  | 1  | —   | 1   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —           |
|                                           | F | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —           |
| All Other Accidents ...                   | M | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | 2   | —   | —   | —           |
|                                           | F | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1   | 2           |
| Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries ...   | M | —  | —  | —   | —   | 1   | —   | —   | 1   | —           |
|                                           | F | —  | —  | —   | —   | 1   | —   | 1   | —   | —           |
| All Other External Causes ...             | M | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | 1   | —   | 1           |
|                                           | F | —  | —  | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —   | —           |

|                      |   |     |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |
|----------------------|---|-----|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| TOTAL ALL CAUSES ... | M | 1   | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 24 | 35 | 68 | 54 |
|                      | F | —   | — | 1 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 28 | 49 | 94 |
|                      |   | 204 | 5 | 3 | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |
|                      |   | 192 | 3 | — | — | — | —  | —  | —  | —  |

## GERIATRIC SERVICES AND THE CARE OF THE CHRONIC SICK

Eechcroft (Woking), Ellesmere (Weybridge) and Ottershaw Hospitals provide chronic sick beds for North West Surrey and although like most hospitals experiencing staff problems have been utilised to the full.

As mentioned in the introduction, a clinic for the elderly was opened in January at the Health Centre, Stepgates, Chertsey. Two sessions per month are held and the clinic is staffed by a Doctor and Health Visitor.

The Chertsey Old People's Welfare Committee have continued their excellent work throughout the year and have maintained a close liaison with the social services provided by the Surrey County Council.

During the year concessionary bus fares for pensioners and the disabled were introduced and this scheme is extremely successful.

The Day Centres at Addlestone, Chertsey, New Haw and Ottershaw have played a great part in the welfare of the elderly whilst the meals-on-wheels service organised by the Women's Royal Voluntary Service has provided 11,368 meals to housebound people.

Once again much help has been received from the boys and girls of St. Paul's and The Meads Schools.

Other services provided during the year have included day care, visiting of the housebound elderly, chiropody, welfare foods, library, hairdressing, shopping and gardening.

During the year the service provided by the mini-bus has again increased and has included help to the Recrodis Club and the newly formed Multiple Sclerosis Society.

# PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

## Immunisation and Vaccination

The following tables show the number of immunisations and vaccinations given during the year.

### Diphtheria

|                        | 1972 | <i>Year of birth</i> |      | 1969 | 1965-68 | <i>Others under age 16</i> | <i>Over 16 yrs.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|------------------------|------|----------------------|------|------|---------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
|                        |      | 1971                 | 1970 |      |         |                            |                     |              |
| Primary Injections     | 35   | 522                  | 185  | 21   | 20      | 6                          | 1                   | 790          |
| Reinforcing Injections | —    | 37                   | 57   | 11   | 772     | 100                        | —                   | 977          |

### Whooping Cough

|                        | 1972 | <i>Year of birth</i> |      | 1969 | 1965-68 | <i>Others under age 16</i> | <i>Over 16 yrs.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|------------------------|------|----------------------|------|------|---------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
|                        |      | 1971                 | 1970 |      |         |                            |                     |              |
| Primary Injections     | 35   | 514                  | 181  | 21   | 15      | —                          | 1                   | 767          |
| Reinforcing Injections | —    | 37                   | 55   | 9    | 150     | 3                          | —                   | 254          |

### Tetanus

|                        | 1972 | <i>Year of birth</i> |      | 1969 | 1965-68 | <i>Others under age 16</i> | <i>Over 16 yrs.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|------------------------|------|----------------------|------|------|---------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
|                        |      | 1971                 | 1970 |      |         |                            |                     |              |
| Primary Injections     | 35   | 523                  | 186  | 21   | 22      | 8                          | 3                   | 798          |
| Reinforcing Injections | —    | 37                   | 56   | 12   | 772     | 485                        | 2                   | 1,364        |

### Poliomyelitis

|                  | 1972 | <i>Year of birth</i> |      | 1969 | 1965-68 | <i>Others under age 16</i> | <i>Over 16 yrs.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|------------------|------|----------------------|------|------|---------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
|                  |      | 1971                 | 1970 |      |         |                            |                     |              |
| Primary Course   | 20   | 537                  | 187  | 21   | 12      | 9                          | 2                   | 788          |
| Reinforcing Dose | —    | 37                   | 55   | 12   | 763     | 603                        | 1                   | 1,471        |

### Measles

|                | 1972 | <i>Year of birth</i> |      | 1969 | 1965-68 | <i>Others under age 16</i> | <i>Over 16 yrs.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------|------|----------------------|------|------|---------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
|                |      | 1971                 | 1970 |      |         |                            |                     |              |
| Primary Course | —    | 52                   | 31   | 12   | 25      | 4                          | —                   | 124          |

### Rubella

|                | 1972 | <i>Year of birth</i> |      | 1969 | 1965-68 | <i>Others under age 16</i> | <i>Over 16 yrs.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------|------|----------------------|------|------|---------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
|                |      | 1971                 | 1970 |      |         |                            |                     |              |
| Primary Course | —    | —                    | —    | —    | —       | 423                        | —                   | 423          |

Smallpox

|                     | <i>Age at Vaccination</i> |                      |                      |                       |                  |                     |                      | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|
|                     | <i>0-3<br/>mths.</i>      | <i>3-6<br/>mths.</i> | <i>6-9<br/>mths.</i> | <i>9-12<br/>mths.</i> | <i>1<br/>yr.</i> | <i>2-4<br/>yrs.</i> | <i>5-15<br/>yrs.</i> |              |
| Primary Vaccination | —                         | 1                    | —                    | 3                     | 16               | 8                   | 5                    | 33           |
| Re-vaccination      | —                         | —                    | —                    | —                     | —                | 8                   | 60                   | 68           |

Notifiable Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) and Food Poisoning

Age Incidence.

| AGE                  | Acute Meningitis | Dysentery | Food Poisoning | Infective Jaundice | Malaria | Measles | Whooping Cough |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|---------|---------|----------------|
| Under 1 year         | —                | —         | —              | —                  | —       | —       | 1              |
| 1-2 years            | —                | —         | —              | —                  | —       | 2       | 1              |
| 2-3 years            | —                | 1         | —              | —                  | —       | 1       | —              |
| 3-4 years            | —                | —         | —              | —                  | —       | 6       | 1              |
| 4-5 years            | —                | —         | —              | —                  | —       | 1       | 1              |
| 5-10 years           | —                | —         | —              | —                  | —       | 2       | 3              |
| 10-15 years          | —                | —         | —              | 2                  | —       | —       | —              |
| 15-25 years          | —                | 2         | 1              | 1                  | 1       | 1       | —              |
| 25-35 years          | —                | 1         | 1              | —                  | —       | —       | —              |
| 35-45 years          | —                | 1         | —              | 1                  | —       | —       | —              |
| 45-65 years          | —                | —         | —              | 1                  | —       | —       | —              |
| 65 years and upwards | —                | —         | —              | —                  | —       | —       | —              |
| Age unknown          | 1                | —         | —              | —                  | —       | 1       | —              |
| TOTAL ...            | 1                | 5         | 2              | 5                  | 1       | 14      | 7              |

Notifiable Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning

| Disease               |     |     |     |     |     | Total<br>Cases<br>Notified |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------|
| Acute Encephalitis    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Acute Meningitis      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1                          |
| Acute Poliomyelitis   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Anthrax               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Cholera               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Diphtheria            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Dysentery             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5                          |
| Food Poisoning        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2                          |
| Infective Jaundice    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5                          |
| Leprosy               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Leptospirosis         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Malaria               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1                          |
| Measles               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14                         |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Paratyphoid Fever     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Plague                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Relapsing Fever       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Scarlet Fever         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Smallpox              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Tetanus               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Tuberculosis          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3                          |
| Typhoid Fever         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Typhus                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |
| Whooping Cough        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7                          |
| Yellow Fever          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —                          |

Non-notifiable Infectious Diseases

The following cases occurred in County Schools: —

| Disease        | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec. |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|
| Chickenpox ... | 5    | 2    | 1    | —    | 1   | 8    | 2    | —   | —    | —   |     | 2    |
| Mumps ...      | 14   | 7    | 3    | —    | 22  | 9    | 12   | —   | 4    | 1   | 22  | 16   |
| Cerman Measles | —    | 3    | 1    | 2    | 8   | 2    | 20   | —   | 1    | —   | 1   | 1    |

Tuberculosis

New Cases and Mortality

| Age Groups      | New Cases |    |               |    | Deaths    |    |               |    |
|-----------------|-----------|----|---------------|----|-----------|----|---------------|----|
|                 | Pulmonary |    | Non-Pulmonary |    | Pulmonary |    | Non-Pulmonary |    |
|                 | M.        | F. | M.            | F. | M.        | F. | M.            | F. |
| 0-1 year ...    | —         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 1-5 years ...   | —         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 5-15 years ...  | —         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 15-25 years ... | —         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 25-35 years ... | —         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 35-45 years ... | —         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 45-55 years ... | 1         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| 55-65 years ... | —         | —  | —             | —  | 1         | —  | —             | —  |
| 65 upwards ...  | 1         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| Unspecified ... | 1         | —  | —             | —  | —         | —  | —             | —  |
| TOTAL ...       | 3         | —  | —             | —  | 1         | —  | —             | —  |

## B.C.G. Vaccination

The number of school children presenting themselves for B.C.G. vaccination remained satisfactory. The number of positive reactors is now very low and is a healthy sign.

### Secondary and Grammar Schools:

|                                                |     |     |     |     |     |
|------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| No. in age group ...                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 412 |
| No. of consents ...                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 352 |
| No. tested ...                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 335 |
| No. vaccinated ...                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 310 |
| Percentage of age group vaccinated ...         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 75  |
| Percentage tested and found to be positive ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   |
| Percentage tested and found to be negative ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 99  |

### Late Consents and School Leavers who did not accept at 13 years:

|                                                |     |     |     |     |    |
|------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| No. of consents ...                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 91 |
| No. tested ...                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 63 |
| No. vaccinated ...                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 59 |
| Percentage tested and found to be positive ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6  |
| Percentage tested and found to be negative ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 94 |

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### Water Supply

The district is within the area of supply of the Woking and District Water Company. The water was found to be satisfactory in quality and in quantity. No bacteriological examinations were made of the raw water but chemical and bacteriological examinations were carried out on the treated water.

During the year fifty-eight samples were taken by the Public Health Department and submitted for bacteriological examination at the Public Health Laboratory at Guildford.

Two samples were taken by the Council's Analyst and were examined bacteriologically, chemically and physically. The results of analyses are tabulated below:—

| Date sample taken            | 10th Feb.      | 10th May       |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Organisms per ml. at 20°C.   |                |                |
| in 72 hours on agar ...      | 31             | 12,800         |
| Organisms per ml. at 20°C.   |                |                |
| in 72 hours on gelatine ...  | 9              | 10             |
| Organisms per ml. at 37.5°C. |                |                |
| in 48 hours on agar ...      | 24             | 12             |
| Coliform organisms ...       | Less than<br>1 | 1              |
| Faecal Coli ...              | Less than<br>1 | Less than<br>1 |

### Chemical Examinations in parts per million

|                                                                  |       |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Free Ammonia ...                                                 | 0.012 | 0.12  |
| Albuminoid Ammonia ...                                           | 0.204 | 0.108 |
| Oxygen consumed from per-<br>manganate (4 hours at<br>80°F.) ... | 2.17  | 0.96  |

The water is not liable to plumbo-solvent action and there was no form of contamination of the supply during the year.

Approximate number of dwelling houses with main water

|                                          |        |
|------------------------------------------|--------|
| supplied direct to the houses ...        | 12,227 |
| Estimated population supplied direct ... | 44,780 |

In addition there are over 60 standpipes at various caravan sites, supplying a population of approximately 600.

There are still a number of premises, mainly caravans, which are dependent upon pumps or shallow wells for water supply.

**Pump or Well Supplies**

Forty-two samples were collected from pumps and wells, with the following results:—

|                      |     | <i>Satisfactory.</i> | <i>Contaminated.</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------------|-----|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| From dwelling houses | ... | 4                    | 5                    | 9            |
| From caravan sites   | ... | 18                   | 15                   | 33           |
|                      |     | —                    | —                    | —            |
| Total                | ... | 22                   | 20                   | 42           |
|                      |     | —                    | —                    | —            |

Where samples are unsatisfactory, residents are advised to boil all water before use.

**Drainage and Sewerage**

The work of enlarging the main sewers in the district was virtually completed during the course of the year, while the public sewer in Eousley Rise, Ottershaw, was extended enabling nine properties, previously served by cesspool drainage, to connect to the main drainage system.

**Rivers and Streams**

Close liaison is maintained with the Officers of the Thames Conservancy.

**Closet Accommodation**

|                 |        |     |     | <i>Pail or<br/>Tub Closets.</i> | <i>“Elsan” type<br/>Closets.</i> |
|-----------------|--------|-----|-----|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Addlestone Ward | ...    | ... | ... | 1                               | 43                               |
| Chertsey Ward   | ...    | ... | ... | —                               | 119                              |
| Outer Ward      | ...    | ... | ... | 9                               | 30                               |
| New Haw Ward    | ...    | ... | ... | —                               | 44                               |
|                 |        |     |     | —                               | —                                |
|                 | Totals | ... |     | 10                              | 236                              |
|                 |        |     |     | —                               | —                                |

The majority of the “Elsan” type closets are on caravan sites and houseboats.

The Pail or Tub closets are emptied weekly by means of Cesspool Emptiers.

## Cesspool Emptying

This work, which is under the supervision of the Chief Public Health Inspector, is carried out by three 800 gallon Dennis Cesspool Emptiers with a fourth vehicle held in reserve.

The requirement that drivers of cesspool emptying tankers must have a Heavy Goods Vehicle Licence has led to difficulties in recruiting personnel for this work. Despite making arrangements for the training of drivers to reach the required standard, the position became so acute at one time that in order to maintain the service, the assistance of an outside contractor had to be employed.

During the year the following work was carried out:—

|                                              |                   |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of cesspools in district ... ..       | 470               |
| Number of loads removed from all sources ... | 7,110             |
| Total volume removed from all sources:       | 5,688,000 gallons |

## INTRODUCTION TO THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

It is with pleasure that I submit the following report on the work carried out during the year by your Public Health Inspectors.

As was to be expected, the impending local government reorganisation has played an important role in the work of the department throughout the year. In April, the draft proposals of the Local Government Boundary Commission on the future pattern of district councils in England were published. With the Commission's proposals that there should be an amalgamation with Egham, many meetings have taken place with Mr. Britcher, the Chief Public Health Inspector of Egham and members of his staff to discuss the best ways of combining and unifying the various functions of the two departments. It is most pleasing to be able to report that it has been possible for both my staff and myself to establish a close and harmonious relationship with our opposite numbers in Egham, which has greatly facilitated this work.

Disclosures on television and radio, as well as in the press, on the indiscriminate dumping of poisonous waste material, including some two tons of cyanide waste in an area where children played regularly, naturally caused great concern throughout the country and brought swift government reaction in the shape of the "Deposit of Poisonous Wastes Act, 1972". Under this Act there is now a duty for the responsible authorities to be notified before any waste material is removed or deposited. Consent to permit the tipping of industrial refuse at Blackboy Farm in Addlestone was, however, already controlled under the Surrey County Council Act of 1931 and regular inspections of this site did not reveal any evidence of non-permitted or toxic materials being deposited there.

During the year a preliminary survey of the older houses in the district was carried out in order to provide information for the Secretary of State for the Environment in his drive to remove slums and improve older houses. The survey indicated very few unfit houses in the district but there were still a substantial number of houses, almost 500 in number, which fell short of the twelve point improvement grant standard.

This is, however, a situation which is being steadily remedied with the number of applications for improvement grants continuing to increase. This year there was a total of 160 applications compared

with 108 the previous year and since the inception of the improvement grant scheme in 1949, there have been over 900 applications for grants approved.

In July, it was pleasing to see the publication of the report of the Food Standards Committee on the Date Marking of Food. The report advocated the adoption of an open date marking system which would require pre-packed short life foods to be marked with the "sell-by" date and all long life foods with the month and year of manufacture, packaging, or removal from cold store. In the meantime, until such recommendations come into effect, particular vigilance has been exercised in respect of all food premises to ensure that satisfactory systems of stock rotation have been adopted. To assist towards this end shopkeepers have also been encouraged where necessary to adopt their own internal coding systems so as to ensure that all food offered for sale to the public is in a fresh condition.

In the field of pest control work, a survey of the district's main sewers revealed no serious rat infestations. Out of a total of 138 test baits laid, only one showed evidence of any rodent activity and this was immediately followed up with a successful treatment. Warfarin continued throughout the year to give satisfactory results in the treatment of rats and there was no evidence to indicate any extensive immunity developing in the rat population in this area.

In the case of mice, however, the use of warfarin had to be abandoned completely and its replacement by alpha-chloralose gave successful results. Compared with the previous year, 1972 showed a very sharp decline in the number of wasp's nests which your Pest Officer was called upon to treat.

There were two staff changes during the course of the year. Mr. R. Brown, who held an appointment with Kingston upon Thames, took up the post of District Public Health Inspector following Mr. West's resignation, while Miss D. Hall commenced service as a Pupil Public Health Inspector in July.

Finally, I would take this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude to all members of the staff of the department for their loyal service, to the Chairman and Members of the Council and its Committees, for their support and confidence, and to the Medical Officer of Health for his willing guidance and co-operation throughout the year.

**B. G. ROGERS,**

*Chief Public Health Inspector.*

## STATISTICAL RECORDS

### Housing Acts

|                                                                         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Inspections re Disrepair, Overcrowding, Improvement Grants, etc. ... .. | 1,459 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|

### Public Health Acts

|                                                                                                  |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| General Inspections re Water Supply, Sanitation, Vermin, etc. ... ..                             | 1,162 |
| Inspections and Visits re Offensive Trades, Common Lodging Houses and Infectious Diseases ... .. | 63    |
| Inspections re Caravans and Houseboats ... ..                                                    | 71    |

### Food Inspection

|                                                                             |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Inspections of Food Premises, including Ice-cream Stores and Dairies ... .. | 819 |
| Visits re Food Sampling and Inspection, and Merchandise Marks Acts ... ..   | 123 |

### Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

|                                                   |     |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Inspections and Re-inspections of Premises ... .. | 455 |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----|

### Miscellaneous

|                                                                                                                                             |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Inspections under Shops Act ... ..                                                                                                          | 6     |
| Inspections under Factories Acts ... ..                                                                                                     | 135   |
| Inspections under Clean Air Act ... ..                                                                                                      | 241   |
| Inspections under Noise Abatement Act ... ..                                                                                                | 100   |
| Inspections of Pet Shops, Animal Boarding Establishments and Riding Schools ... ..                                                          | 24    |
| Inspections and Visits re Petroleum Acts, Hackney Carriages, Rag Flock Act, Agriculture Act, Knacker's Yard, Cesspool Emptying, etc. ... .. | 1,349 |
| Inspections and Re-inspections under Prevention of Damage by Pests Act ... ..                                                               | 2,811 |
| Re-inspections (excluding those indicated above) ... ..                                                                                     | 273   |

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> ... | 9,091 |
|------------------|-------|

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### Unsound Food Surrendered or Condemned

|                                    | <i>tons</i> | <i>cwt.</i> | <i>lb.</i> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Meat at Retail Shops ... ..        | —           | 3           | 56         |
| Cooked Meats and Meat Products ... | —           | 1           | 6          |
| Canned Meat ... ..                 | —           | —           | 30         |
| Other Foods ... ..                 | —           | 8           | 61         |
| Other Foods (Frozen) ... ..        | —           | 6           | 106        |
| <b>TOTAL ...</b>                   | <b>1</b>    | <b>0</b>    | <b>35</b>  |

All unsound food is buried on the Council's refuse tip.

### Poultry Preparation Stations

Poultry were slaughtered at two establishments in the district on a small but intermittent scale. Conditions were found to be unsatisfactory in one case and it was necessary for extensive improvements to be carried out in order to bring the premises up to a suitable standard.

## SAMPLING

### Food and Drugs Sampling

|       | Number of Samples Taken |          | Unsatisfactory Reports |           | Legal Proceedings Instituted | Convictions Secured |
|-------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|---------------------|
|       | Formal                  | Informal | Analysis               | Labelling |                              |                     |
| Food  | 9                       | 65       | 2                      | 1         | —                            | —                   |
| Drugs | —                       | 15       | —                      | —         | —                            | —                   |

### Details of Unsatisfactory Samples

|       | On Analysis                                         | By Labelling                                                |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Foods | 1. Chocolate liqueurs—Insufficient alcohol content. | 1. Ring Strudel Leaves.<br>2. Sylvasum Vitaminised Tablets. |
| Drugs | —                                                   | —                                                           |

**Bacteriological Sampling**

Total Samples taken:— 69

*Results.*

**ICE-CREAM.**

| Grade           | Mobiles |    |     |    | Premises |    |     |    |
|-----------------|---------|----|-----|----|----------|----|-----|----|
|                 | I       | II | III | IV | I        | II | III | IV |
| Soft Ice-cream  | 1       | —  | 1   | —  | 4        | —  | 1   | —  |
| Other Ice-cream | —       | —  | —   | —  | 8        | 1  | 2   | —  |

**OTHER FOODS.**

| Food        | Number |                |
|-------------|--------|----------------|
|             | Taken  | Unsatisfactory |
| Milk        | 50     | —              |
| Ice Lollies | 1      | —              |

**Foreign Bodies in Food**

| Food              | Number of Complaints | Foreign Body or Condition                                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Butter            | 2                    | Containing piece of glass (1)<br>Containing lubricating oil (1)            |
| Bread             | 1                    | Brown discolouration                                                       |
| Canned Meat       | 4                    | Containing Insect (1)<br>Mouldy (3)                                        |
| Meat Pie          | 1                    | Foreign Body                                                               |
| Fish              | 1                    | Staleness                                                                  |
| Frozen Vegetables | 3                    | Foreign Body (3)                                                           |
| Cereal            | 1                    | Foreign Body                                                               |
| Milk              | 2                    | Burnt condition (1)<br>Dirty bottle (1)                                    |
| Sausages          | 1                    | Mouldy (1)                                                                 |
| Bacon             | 1                    | Mouldy (1)                                                                 |
| Cakes             | 3                    | Containing metal staple (1)<br>Infested by Ants (1)<br>Lubricating Oil (1) |
| Chicken           | 1                    | Decomposition                                                              |
| Cream             | 2                    | Sour (2)                                                                   |

|                                            |     |     |     |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of Prosecutions under Section 2 ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Number of Prosecutions under Section 8 ... | ... | ... | Nil |

## The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963

|                                                                     |     |     |     |     |     |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| Number of egg pasteurisation plants in the district                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil          |
| Number of samples of liquid egg submitted to the Alpha-Amylase test | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | One          |
| Results of above samples                                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Satisfactory |

## Food Hygiene

The number of Food Premises in the area is as follows:—

|                                      |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Greengrocers                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 |
| Cafes                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| Ice-cream Manufacturers              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Confectioners (Ice-cream and Sweets) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 33 |
| General Stores                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 63 |
| Butchers                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 |
| Fishmongers and Fish Fryers          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9  |
| Canteens                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 |
| Bakers and Confectioners             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Dairies                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  |
| Licensed Houses and Clubs            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 66 |

Number of Food Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act:—

|                                              |     |     |     |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Sausage and Pressed Meat Manufacturers, etc. | ... | ... | 33  |
| Ice-cream Manufacturers and Stores           | ... | ... | 118 |

## Milk Supply

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is responsible for the supervision of milk production, including buildings on the farm.

Unsatisfactory or unhygienic conditions found on dairy farms are referred to the Ministry.

Four dairy farmers were producing milk for sale from 'Tuberculin Tested' herds, all of which was collected for pasteurisation.

Thirty-six licences were issued under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations.

All milk produced and retailed in the district is, since 1954, specially designated, that is pasteurised, sterilised or "Untreated".

Fifty samples were collected as follows : —

Collected

| Designation        | At Dairies | On Delivery | Total Satisfactory | Total Unsatisfactory |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Pasteurised        | 13         | 32          | 45                 | —                    |
| Sterilised         | 4          | —           | 4                  | —                    |
| Ultra Heat-Treated | 1          | —           | 1                  | —                    |
| TOTAL              | 18         | 32          | 50                 | —                    |

## HOUSING

### Demolition and Closure

During 1972 one Demolition Order and two Closing Orders were made under the Housing Act, 1957 in respect of three houses in Chertsey.

Three houses in the district, which were the subject of Demolition Orders, were demolished after the tenants had been rehoused and two Demolition Orders were revoked following the carrying out of works of rehabilitation to render the properties fit for human habitation.

### Housing Repair

Complaints continue to be received from tenants in respect of houses in a state of disrepair and action during the year was taken in respect of 89 houses to secure the remedying of defects. In most of these cases an informal approach to the landlord or his agent was successful in securing the repair of the property, although in two cases it was necessary to resort to the service of statutory notices.

### Houses in Multiple Occupation

In comparison with some other districts in the South East of England, the numbers of these houses remain comparatively small, and at the moment do not present any serious problem. However, whenever such a property is encountered, action, as deemed necessary, is taken to secure the provision of additional amenities and to improve the standard of accommodation for the occupants.

### Improvement Grants

The number of applications for grants continued to rise and with a total of 160 applications received during the year, there was almost a fifty per cent increase over the previous years figures of 108. It

was also significant to note that for the first time since the improvement grant scheme has been in operation, the total applications from tenanted properties exceeded those from owner occupiers. Of the 160 applications received, 96 were for tenanted properties, while the remaining 64 were for owner occupiers.

During the year improvement works were completed in respect of 72 properties. These improvements included such works as the construction of new bathrooms and kitchens, the replacing of external water closets, and the eradication of dampness by the provision and insertion of suitable damp proof courses. The grants paid in respect of these works reached a total of £30,802.

The following tables set out the position regarding applications received under the Housing Act, 1969 for improvement grants and qualification certificates:—

| Type of Grant | Number      |         |         |           |
|---------------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|
|               | Applied for | Granted | Refused | Withdrawn |
| Standard      | 73          | 70      | —       | 3         |
| Discretionary | 87          | 78      | 6       | 1         |

**Qualification Certificates—Housing Act, 1969 and Housing Finance Act, 1972**

| Applications received under Section 44 (2) (where dwelling does not have all the standard amenities) | Certificates of Provisional Approval Issued | Qualification Certificates issued under Section 46 (3) and (4) | Applications Refused |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 68                                                                                                   | 58                                          | 10                                                             | —                    |

| Applications received under Section 44 (1) (where dwelling already satisfies conditions) | Qualification Certificates issued under Section 45 (2) | Applications Refused |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 33                                                                                       | 24                                                     | 6                    |

**Rent Act, 1957**

There were again no applications received during the year in respect of Certificates of Disrepair.

**Common Lodging House**

There is only one Common Lodging House in the district which received regular inspections during the year and was found to be maintained in a satisfactory condition.

**Local Authority Housing**

Twenty-nine new houses and flats were completed by the Council during the year and 116 family units were re-housed, leaving a waiting list of 962 applicants.

**Caravan Sites**

*Municipal Sites*

With the closing of the Sayes Court Farm Site in Addlestone early in the year, the Caravan Park in New Haw is now the only remaining Council owned site. The numbers of caravans on this site continued to be reduced during the year and of the original one hundred and two authorised standing, only forty are now occupied.

*Private Sites*

At the end of the year there were 32 caravan sites in the district occupied by a total number of 1,149 caravans. The sites varied considerably in size ranging from many with only one caravan, to the largest which comprised 380 caravans.

**Factories Acts**

One hundred and thirty-five inspections were made during the year, and the following work was carried out.

|                                |     |     |     |   |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Sanitary conveniences repaired | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Sanitary conveniences provided | ... | ... | ... | — |
| Other matters remedied         | ... | ... | ... | — |

## 1.—Inspections

| Premises                                                                                                            | Number<br>on<br>Register | Number of   |                    |                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
|                                                                                                                     |                          | Inspections | Written<br>Notices | Occupiers<br>Prosecuted |
| (i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, are enforced by the Local Authority ... ..                         | 7                        | 3           | —                  | —                       |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. ... ..                    | 164                      | 110         | 3                  | —                       |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ... .. | 24                       | 22          | —                  | —                       |
| TOTAL ...                                                                                                           | 195                      | 135         | 3                  | —                       |

## 2.—Cases in which DEFECTS were found

| Particulars                                                                                   | Number of cases in which defects were found |          |                      |                      | Prosecutions<br>were<br>Instituted |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                                                                               | Found                                       | Remedied | Referred             |                      |                                    |
|                                                                                               |                                             |          | To H.M.<br>Inspector | By H.M.<br>Inspector |                                    |
| Want of cleanliness                                                                           | —                                           | —        | —                    | —                    | —                                  |
| Overcrowding ...                                                                              | —                                           | —        | —                    | —                    | —                                  |
| Inadequate ventilation                                                                        | —                                           | —        | —                    | —                    | —                                  |
| Ineffective drainage<br>of floors ... ..                                                      | —                                           | —        | —                    | —                    | —                                  |
| Sanitary Conveniences                                                                         |                                             |          |                      |                      |                                    |
| (a) Insufficient ...                                                                          | 1                                           | —        | —                    | —                    | —                                  |
| (b) Unsuitable or<br>defective ...                                                            | 2                                           | 2        | —                    | —                    | —                                  |
| (c) Not separate for<br>sexes ... ..                                                          | 1                                           | —        | —                    | —                    | —                                  |
| Other offences<br>against the Acts<br>(excluding offences<br>relating to out-<br>work) ... .. | —                                           | —        | —                    | —                    | —                                  |
| TOTAL ...                                                                                     | 4                                           | 2        | —                    | —                    | —                                  |

3.—Outwork (Sections 110 and 111)

| Nature of Work  | Section 110                       |                                             |                                                 | Section 111                                       |                |              |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
|                 | Outworkers Lists                  |                                             |                                                 | No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises | Notices served | Prosecutions |
|                 | No. of out-workers in August list | No. of cases of default in submitting lists | No. of prosecutions for failure to submit lists |                                                   |                |              |
| Wearing apparel | 3                                 | —                                           | —                                               | —                                                 | —              | —            |
| Household linen | —                                 | —                                           | —                                               | —                                                 | —              | —            |

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The following tables indicate the number of registered premises and employees, at the end of the year, together with improvements made during the year.

Registrations and Inspections

| Premises                                     | Total Number       |                               |                         |                       |              |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
|                                              | Registered in 1972 | Removed from Register in 1972 | On Register at 31.12.72 | Inspected during 1972 | of Employees |
| Offices                                      | 30                 | 8                             | 109                     | 11                    | 680          |
| Retail Shops                                 | 61                 | 57                            | 248                     | 13                    | 1,076        |
| Wholesale Shops and Warehouses               | 5                  | —                             | 6                       | 2                     | 70           |
| Catering Establishments, open to Public      | 23                 | 9                             | 49                      | 6                     | 183          |
| Fuel Storage Depots                          | 3                  | —                             | 6                       | 1                     | 32           |
| Canteens (included elsewhere)                | —                  | —                             | —                       | —                     | 16           |
| TOTALS                                       | 122                | 74                            | 418                     | 33                    | 2,057        |
| Total Number of Visits made during 1972: 453 |                    |                               |                         | Males                 | 863          |
|                                              |                    |                               |                         | Females               | 1,194        |

## Contraventions Remedied

The following table shows the number of contraventions remedied during the year.

|                                                |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Lighting Improved                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Heating Improved                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Unsatisfactory Sanitary Accommodation Remedied | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6  |
| Other Contraventions Remedied                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 60 |

## Swimming Pools

There are no private swimming pools in the district to which the public are admitted.

School swimming pools used for the instruction and training of pupils were the subject of regular routine visits. Checks on the condition of the water were carried out and advice and guidance were given particularly where results were unsatisfactory.

In addition four samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratories at Guildford including two from a local swimming club. The club makes use of a section of the Wey Navigation Canal for its activities and as was to be expected, the results of the samples in this case were unsatisfactory.

## Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

|                                                                               | <i>Type of Property</i> |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
|                                                                               | <i>Non-Agricultural</i> | <i>Agricultural</i> |
| 1. Number of properties in the district                                       | 16,747                  | 113                 |
| 2. Total number of properties inspected on complaint or district survey ...   | 1,500                   | 8                   |
| 3. Total number of properties found to be infested by:                        |                         |                     |
| Rats ... ..                                                                   | 252                     | 3                   |
| Mice ... ..                                                                   | 57                      | —                   |
| 4. Total properties treated by Local Authority ... ..                         | 309                     | 3                   |
| 5. Total treatments carried out on refuse tips, parks, watercourses, etc. ... | 30                      | —                   |
| 6. Total treatments carried out by the Local Authority ... ..                 | 339                     | 3                   |
| 7. Total visits made for this purpose ...                                     | 2,533                   | 8                   |

## **General**

|                                               |     |     |     |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Insect infestations cleared by the Department | ... | ... | 253 |
| Obstructed drains cleared by the Department   | ... | ... | 115 |

## **Noise Abatement Act, 1960**

Complaints of noise continue to play an important role in work of the department. As usual the source of such complaints covers a wide field including noise from roadworks, factory machinery, shop refrigeration plant, bird scarers as well as noisy neighbours.

It has been the general experience of the department that in most cases the persons responsible for causing the noise are prepared to co-operate willingly in an endeavour to find a satisfactory solution to the problem. However with the elimination or reduction of noise being such a complex matter, it can take sometime before the most ideal solution is found—a period of time which may well tax the complainant's patience.

## **Clean Air Act, 1956**

Sites with recording instruments are established at the Council Offices in Addlestone and the Old Town Hall in Chertsey, to measure the level of atmospheric pollution in the district.

Informal action was taken following heavy dark smoke emissions from a local industrial plant. This was found on investigation to be due to difficulties arising over obtaining a regular supply of satisfactory fuel for a hand fired boiler. The firm, however, were able to resolve the problem with the help of fuel consultants who, together with advice on stoking methods, were able to find an alternative and satisfactory fuel which was also in regular supply.





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